

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
WESTERN DIVISION

BERNARD FIDEL, *et al.*, On Behalf of
Themselves and All Others Similarly Situated,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

AK STEEL HOLDING CORPORATION,
et al.,

Defendants.

Lead Case No. C-1-00-320
(Consolidated with No. C-1-00-349)

(Herman J. Weber, Sr. Judge)

**ORDER AWARDING PLAINTIFFS' COUNSEL'S
ATTORNEYS' FEES AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES**

This matter having come before the Court on July 9, 2004, on the application of plaintiffs' counsel for an award of attorneys' fees and reimbursement of expenses incurred in the above-captioned action; the Court, having considered all papers filed and proceedings conducted herein, having found the settlement of this action to be fair, reasonable and adequate and otherwise being fully informed in the premises and good cause appearing therefor;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that:

1. All of the capitalized terms used herein shall have the same meanings as set forth in the Stipulation of Settlement dated as of March 26, 2004 (the "Stipulation").
2. This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this application and all matters relating thereto, including all Members of the Class who have not timely and validly requested exclusion.

3. The Court hereby awards plaintiffs' counsel attorneys' fees and reimbursement of expenses in the amount of \$1,133,000.00 to be paid from the Settlement Fund, together with the interest earned thereon for the same period and at the same rate as that earned on the Settlement Fund until paid. Said fees and expenses shall be allocated among plaintiffs' counsel by Lead Counsel in a manner which, in Lead Counsel's good faith judgment, reflects each such plaintiffs' counsel's contribution to the institution, prosecution and resolution of the Litigation.

4. The awarded attorneys' fees and expenses shall be paid to Lead Counsel immediately after the date this Order is executed subject to the terms, conditions and obligations of the Stipulation and in particular ¶6.2 thereof, which terms, conditions and obligations are incorporated herein.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: July 12, 2004



HERMAN J. WEBER, SR. JUDGE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

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